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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Executive Director

FROM: Stanley Sporkin
General Counsel

SUBJECT: Congressional Hearing on S. 2552,
Intelligence Personnel Protection
Legislation

1. Action Requested: That you agree to serve as the Intelligence Community witness at a House Judiciary Subcommittee hearing on intelligence personnel protection legislation (S. 2552) scheduled for 1 December.

2. Background. The Intelligence Community has for several years sought legislation to establish federal criminal penalties for acts of violence directed at (a) Intelligence Community personnel engaged in the performance of official duties, (b) aliens admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence under Section 7 of the CIA Act of 1949, and (c) foreign individuals temporarily present in the United States under the auspices of a department or agency of the Intelligence Community. The Senate passed the legislation on 1 October prior to adjourning for the recent congressional elections. At our urging, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime has decided to act on the legislation in the post-election session of the Congress. We have been advised by the Subcommittee staff that the Subcommittee Chairman has written to invite the Director or his designee to appear at hearings on the legislation scheduled for 1 December. The willingness of the Subcommittee to hold a hearing on the legislation in the post-election session greatly improves the chances of its final enactment in the few remaining days of the current Congress.

3. To demonstrate the importance of this legislation and the Intelligence Community's commitment to it, I recommend that you serve as the Director's designee to present the Intelligence Community's position of support for S. 2552 to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime.

4. My staff has already prepared draft testimony in support of S. 2552, and it is currently being coordinated with the components. We will, of course, provide full staff support for your appearance (Q's and A's, background material, etc.).

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